

* NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Guinn, Millican, and Truit—4.
On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned till 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, August 13th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, to which was referred a House bill for the relief of John Parsons, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Lott, chairman of the committee on the Penitentiary, to which was referred A bill making appropriation for defraying the expenses of the State Penitentiary, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Judiciary committee, to which was referred A bill to incorporate the Texas Insurance and Saving Fund Association; reported the same back with the following amendments and recommended the adoption of the amendments, and the passage of the bill:

Amendment 1st. Strike out the pre-amble.

“ 2nd “ “ in 5th section, all after the word “vote.”

Amendment 3rd. Strike out the 7th section.

Mr. Armstrong, from the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred A bill to reclaim certain overflowed lands lying in Soda Lake bottom; reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to which were referred the following petitions, viz:

The petition of James and Lewis Jones.

“ “ “ Alex. Morrow.

“ “ “ Sherwood Roland.

“ “ “ Sundry citizens of Ellis county.

“ “ “ Nedom Thompson.

“ “ “ the heirs of Jesse Watson, dec'd.

“ “ “ Hofferman Duckhith and Junker.

“ “ “ Mary Jackson; and

A bill for the relief of D. D. Baker, assignee of George Butler.

A bill for the relief of Simon Cockrell, John Neil and Creed Taylor; and

A bill for the relief of John Dewbury.

Reported the same back and asked that the same be laid upon the table, subject to be withdrawn by the parties controlling them.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the same committee, to which was referred A bill to withdraw the reservation of the State, on Salt Licks and Salt Springs, on certain conditions, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Bryan, chairman of the committee on Education, reported back to the Senate A bill to incorporate the Waverly Institute, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the Judiciary committee, to which was referred A bill to incorporate the town of Montgomery, in the county of Montgomery; reported the same back with amendments, recommending the adoption of the amendments and the passage of the bill.

Amendments:

1st. To section 15, add, "the Mayor shall have power to call a jury in all cases which may be brought before him for trial, in the same manner, and under the same rules and regulations as provided by law for the trial of causes in Justice's Courts."

2nd. In section 20, line 7, between "or" and "be" insert "they or either of them."

3rd. Strike out section 21.

4th. In section 23rd, strike out the last two lines.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the report and bill were taken up, the report adopted, and the bill passed to 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the rule was suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Bryan, chairman of the committee on Education, reported A bill to incorporate the Brazoria High School to the Senate and recommended its passage.

A bill to incorporate the Brazoria High School—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, the rule was suspended, bill read a 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, the rule was further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Martin,

Maverick, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Scott, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Whitaker and White—23.

NAV—Mr. Burroughs.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the memorial of Hyde and Goodrich and others, reporting A bill to authorize the commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents upon certain surveys heretofore made upon the islands of Mustang, Matagorda and St. Joseph—was taken up, read, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, and bill read 3rd time.

Mr. Armstrong offered the following amendment :

"That all locations of genuine land warrants, and head-right and pre-emption claims, are hereby respected and legalized"—rejected.

The bill was then passed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate :

A bill to incorporate the Yegua Turnpike and Bridge company ; and

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of Claims to employ an additional Clerk.

Also, that the House had passed the Senate's bill for the relief of certain Sheriff's therein named, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor ; and concurred in the amendments of the Senate to A bill to incorporate Galveston Gas Company, and to the bill to incorporate the town of Paris.

Mr. Grimes presented the following report :

The committee on Conference, appointed to take under consideration the disagreement between the two Houses, on the bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Huntsville Railroad company, have had the same under consideration and a majority of the committee recommend that the House recede from its first amendment.

"JESSE GRIMES, Chairman on part of Senate.

"P. W. KITTRELL, " " " House."

Mr. Allen, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor :

A bill to confirm a title issued on the 15th day of June,

1835, by George Antonio Nixon, Commissioner of Vehlins Colony, to Wilfred Stanly.

A bill for the relief of Preston W. Hobbs.

A bill for the relief of Reuben Crawford.

A bill to incorporate Alta Mira Lodge, I. O. O. F. And

A bill for the relief of pre-emption claimants.

Mr. Flanagan, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvements have had before them A bill amendatory and supplementary to an act amending and supplementary to, an act to incorporate the Henderson and Burkville Railroad company, and after an investigation, the committee find that said charter does not conflict with any other in the State, and simply requires a little further time on account of the death of Chas. Keith, Esq., who was the active agent in prosecuting the enterprise. There is no reservation of land in this charter, and the company very much desire the privilege of adopting any gauge they may desire, so that they can connect with the Fulton gauge. The committee see no reason why this relief should not be granted, and instruct me to report the bill back and recommend its passage.

Mr. McCulloch, from the committee on Indian Affairs, made the following report :

The committee to which was referred the message of his Excellency, the Governor, recommending the payment of three companies of Minute men, commanded by Captains Sansom, Davenport and Black, have had the same under consideration, and upon examination of the papers transmitted with the message, find that petitions of the citizens in the sections of country where these companies have severally been raised, have been sent to his Excellency, setting fourth the many depredations of Indians, committed upon them, and the great loss of property, danger of life and distress, consequent thereon; in consequence of which the Governor advised the raising of the companies above named, to give protection to the lives and property of the exposed citizens of these sections of the frontier.

These companies then have been organized by the advice of the Governor, and from all we can learn, both from the reports of said company and other evidence, the welfare of the country required their services, and that they have rendered important and efficient services to the country, and that some of them have signalled themselves by their energy in the pur-

suit of, and chastising the marauding bands that had committed depredations upon the defenceless frontier settlers. The committee therefore present the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

A bill to provide for the payment of three companies of minute men, commanded by Captain's Jno. W. Sansom, John D. Davenport and Reason W. Black—read 1st time.

Mr. Superviele, chairman of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, made the following report :

The committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to which was referred A bill attaching a portion of Fall's county including Elm Creek, to Bell county, have had the same under due consideration. The committee have ascertained that the strip of territory six miles wide, which is asked to be attached to Bell county, is situated on the south-west side of Fall's county, and not on the south-east, as it is stated in the bill ; furthermore, the change contemplated leaves to Fall's county a constitutional area, and according to the petition and statements of the representatives of that section of country, is advantageous to the population, the county seat of Bell county being nearer than that of Fall's county.

Therefore your committee have instructed me to report back the aforesaid bill, and to recommend its passage with the following amendment :

Amendment. In section 1, 3rd line, strike out the word "east" and insert "west."

Mr. Taylor of Fannin, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims No. 1, to which was referred the following House bills, viz :

A bill for the relief of certain persons therein named.

A bill for the relief of Willis Collins and other persons therein named.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to Alex. Lacey, assignee of David McIver.

A bill for the relief of Thornton Thatcher, Charles S. Betts and the heirs of Sam'l. T. Brown, dec'd.; and

A bill for the relief of Schuyler B. Skidmore—reported the same back for the favorable consideration of the Senate.

Mr. Taylor of Cass offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Senate, (the House concurring,) that the two Houses of the present Legislature will adjourn *sine die* on Monday, the 25th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, the resolution was laid on the table by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Grimes, Guinn, Hord, McCulloch, Martin, Palmer, Pedigo, Potter, Superviele, Taylor of Fannin and Wren—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Flanagan, Hill, Lott, McDade, Millican, Pirkey, Scott, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—14.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, introduced A bill to incorporate the town of Mount Pleasant, in Titus county—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the rule was further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Pedigo introduced A bill to establish Woodville College, and to incorporate the Trustees of the same—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Hord, Lott, McCulloch, Martin, Millican, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Whitaker, White and Wren—22.

NAY—Mr. Burroughs—1.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill for the relief of Wm. R. Stevenson—read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and A bill for the relief of Wm. Frels—read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Public Debt.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, A bill for the relief of the heirs of Susan Latham, was taken up, read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, the rule was suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Armstrong introduced A bill to amend an act to create the county of Comanche—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the rule was further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, A bill for the relief of the heirs

of James Selman, dec'd., was taken up, read and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed A bill authorizing the County Court of Bell, Milam, Nueces, Live-Oak, Williamson and Burnett counties, to levy a special tax for two years, originating in that body.

Mr Whitaker, from the committee on Public Lands, made the following report :

The committee on Public Lands, to which was referred A House bill for the relief of Robert S. Patton, find from the evidence that said Patton emigrated to Texas in the year 1835, was the head of a family and has continued since to reside in the country. That on his arrival he obtained an order of survey under G. A. Mixon, surveyor for Vehlin Colony, which was located, but the title did not issue until the 2nd of December, 1835, 15 days before the commissioners were notified of the closing of the Land Office. Parties holding titles issued previous to said notification, considered them good and valid up to the decision of the Supreme Court at Tyler, in the year 1854. The majority of the committee have instructed me to recommend the passage of the bill, all of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the rule was suspended, bill taken up, read 2nd time and passed to a 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. Whitaker, the rule was further suspended, bill read a 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Caldwell, from the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred A House bill for the relief of the heirs of Rob't Davidson, reported the same back to the Senate with an amendment and recommended the adoption of the amendment and the passage of the bill.

Amendment to come in at the end of section 1st :

"And that the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby further required to cancel the title for one league of Land issued to said Robert Davidson by Wm. H. Steele, on the 30th day of December, 1834."

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the rule was suspended, the report adopted and the bill passed to a 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the rule was further suspended, bill read a 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Weatherford, chairman of the Select committee, to

which was referred A bill to authorize the location, settlement and sale of that portion of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad reserve lying east of the Brazos river, reported as follows :

The committee has had the bill under consideration, and is well aware of the conflicting opinions existing upon the policy indicated in this bill, but your committee are forced to the conclusion that something should be done, as the object for which the reserve was made has entirely failed to be accomplished ; however laudable that object may have been when it has failed, it does seem to be a bad policy that would hold up from location and settlement the fairest and best portion of our young and growing State, and thereby retarding the emigration to that portion of our territory. Therefore, in view of all the facts connected with this subject, the committee have instructed me to report the following amendments and recommend the adoption of the amendments and the passage of the bill.

Amendment 1st. Strike out "Brazos," wherever it occurs in the bill and insert "Colorado."

Amendment 2nd. Strike out the 6th section of the bill and insert in lieu thereof, "That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed."

The committee also report to the favorable consideration of the Senate, "A bill to repeal an act donating to actual settlers on vacant Public Land, 160 acres"—as connected with this subject, and recommend its passage.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Houston, the rule was suspended, the report taken up and made the special order for to-day, at 12, o'clock.

On motion of Mr. McDade, the resolution passed by the House, "to adjourn sine die, the Senate concurring, on the 1st Monday in September, 1856," was taken up.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, moved to amend by striking out "1st Monday in September," and inserting the "25th day of August"—lost.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, the resolution was laid on the table until, and made the special order for the 25th inst., 10 o'clock.

Mr. Potter moved a reconsideration of the vote laying on the table the adjournment resolutions of the House.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. McCulloch introduced a bill to create the county of Cibolo—read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Messrs. Taylor of Cass, Scott and Lott, were granted leave of absence from and after the 22nd inst.

Mr. Taylor of Houston, was granted leave of absence from and after the 26th inst.

On motion of Mr. White, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bills, on their 1st reading, and Senate's bills on their final reading.

A bill for the relief of Anthony Miller—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to incorporate Colorado Valley College—read and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Hord, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Potter, Superviele, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford and Whitaker—22.

NAYS—None.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Brazos Branch Railroad Company—read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. McDade, the rule was suspended, bill read a 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Hord, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Superviele, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—22.

NAY—Mr. Taylor of Cass—1.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Geo. W. Jewell, dec'd., with report of the committee on Public Debt, offering amendments thereto, was taken up, the report adopted and bill passed to 3rd reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Rees D. Price—read 1st and 2nd

times, and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 1.

A bill to validate the acts of L. S. McMicken, as Deputy County Clerk, of Polk County—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Select committee on A bill to authorize the location, settlement and sale of that portion of the Mississippi and Pacific railroad Reserve, lying east of the Brazos river; offering amendments thereto, made special order for this hour, was read.

The question being on the adoption of the 1st amendment offered by the committee, Mr. Palmer, moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Colorado" and inserting "Rio Grande."

Last by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Bryan, Caldwell, McDade, Maverick, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Superviele, Whitaker, White and Wren—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, Martin, Millican, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit and Weatherford—16.

On motion of Mr. Potter, A bill to repeal an act donating to actual settlers on vacant public domain 160 acres of land, offered by the same committee as a substitute for the 6th section of the bill, being also a portion of the report, was laid on the table.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, offered the following as a substitute for the caption of the bill under consideration :

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the location, sale and settlement of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad Reserve—adopted.

Also the following as a substitute for 1st section :

"Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas*, That what is known as the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad Land Reserve, shall from and after the 1st day of January, A. D. 1857, be subject to location and sale as hereinafter prescribed"—adopted.

Mr. Potter moved to amend by striking out "320," wherever it occurs in the bill and insert "160"—adopted.

Mr. Potter moved to strike out "50 cts.," wherever it occurs and insert "\$1 00."

Mr. Allen offered A bill to increase the Common School Fund by a sale of the public lands, within the Mississippi and Pacific Reserve; as a substitute for the bill and amendment.

Mr. McCulloch moved to lay the substitute on the table.

On motion of Mr. Whitaker, a call of the Senate was ordered.

Absent—Messrs. Scott and Superviele.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on the Engrossed Bills, reported

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Brazos Branch Railroad Company—correctly engrossed.

Mr. Hord, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, made the following report:

The committee on State Affairs, to which was referred A Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to convene the Legislature in the event of the election of the candidate of the Anti-Slavery party President," have unanimously instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with an amendment, and recommend its passage.

In acting upon this momentuous question, the committee have not concealed from themselves, nor would they conceal from others, that a dissolution of the American Union may, in a certain event, be portended.

It were fruitless to discuss who is chargeable with the present condition of politics in the United States, or who will be responsible for the deplorable but inevitable consequence of its continuance. The Universal public voice charges it upon the fanatics of the North, while they glory in avowing it. The election of the candidates of the Black Republican party, upon the issues tendered, precludes the destruction of our Constitution, and the degradation of the South. In that event, our affection for the American Union will be an affection of the past.

Our fathers of the revolution, in announcing their acquiescence in the necessity which denounced a dissolution of the political bonds of Union with Great Britain, thought it best to act "after" a full expression of the public feeling of the country, and as lovers of national freedom, and not as anarchists, while disposing of one government, made disposition for its successor. We also, if we would act prudent, should act after consultation with all of our Southern brethren, and we

should be prepared to carry out the result of that consultation, whatever it may be. Prudence also warns us to act, before all the material power of the present federal government, is grasped by our enemies.

We said that the Joint Resolution portended a dissolution of the present Union. But it portends it in only one contingency—with that contingency, we have nothing to do, or rather we can do nothing to avert it. For though every man in the slave-holding States were to cast his vote in the same manner, it is still in the power of a northern Union to overrule that vote. The success of the Black Republicans can be effected only by a thorough union of the northern States. Let *them* determine the event. With them be the glory of having preserved this Union *with its Constitution*, or the eternal disgrace of having sacrificed the hitherto happiest experiment of government. If they shall determine to live quietly with us, observing the compromises in the Constitution, and not the compromises *out* of it, we will rejoice in the triumph of reason, but if the wildness and blindness of fanaticism determine otherwise—then we must be equally prepared for that event.

Amendment—After the words “Anti-Slavery party,” in caption, and in Section 1, add “commonly called Black Republican.”

On motion of Mr. Palmer, made special order for Monday next, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills, originating in that body:

A bill to authorize a patent to issue upon the certificate of Alfred Atkinson.

A bill for the relief of Henry C. Lentz and David Holderman; and

A bill to establish an institution for the Education of the Blind.

The Senate being full, the question recurred on the motion of Mr. McCulloch to lay the substitute offered by Mr. Allen, on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burroughs, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Pedigo, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, White and Wren—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Guinn, Hord, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Fannin and Whitaker—11.

Mr. Grimes moved the previous question.

Mr. McDade moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning 8 o'clock—lost.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the motion for the previous question under consideration when the Senate adjourned, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Superviele, the motion to reconsider the vote rejecting A bill for the relief of Wm. B. Jacques; was taken from the table.

The motion to reconsider, prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Burroughs, Flanagan, Hord, Martin, Maverick, Palmer, Pedigo, Potter, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Weatherford and White—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Grimes, Guinn, Lott, Pirkey, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Whitaker and Wrea—8.

The bill was then passed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the motion for the previous question was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Whitaker, a call of the Senate was ordered.

Absent—Messrs. Bryan and Taylor of Fannin.

A bill to create a precinct in Goliad county—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. White, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill to authorize a patent to issue upon the certificate of Alfred Atkinson—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Houston, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Patrick O'Donnel—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 2.

A bill for the relief of John Harwood, E. J. Blair and the heirs of John B. Murphrell, dec'd.—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. White, the rule was suspended, bill read

2nd time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 1.

A bill to incorporate Caldwell Lodge No. 48, of I. O. O. F.—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Hord, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Scott, Superviele Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—27.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs and Wren—2.

A bill to incorporate the town of Fairfield—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to authorize the counties of Bell, Milam, Nueces, Live-Oak, Williamson and Burnett, to levy a special tax for two years—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to create the county of Hardin—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and passed to a 3rd reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to establish an institution for the education of the blind—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Henry C. Lentz and David Halderman—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 1.

A bill for the relief of John Todd and Chas. Stanley—read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of D. M. Fulton—read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Martin moved to take up A bill to amend an act to

provide for the construction of the Mississippi and Pacific railroad—lost.

Mr. Potter introduced A bill for the relief of A. J. Lewis' heirs—read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 1.

Mr. McDade offered the following resolution.

Resolved, The House concurring, that the two Houses meet in Joint Session on Monday the 18th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing a State Engineer—adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the Senate adjourned till 8 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, Aug. 14th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed :

A bill to incorporate the Brazoria High School.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents upon certain surveys heretofore made upon the Islands of Mustang, Matagorda and St. Joseph.

A bill to amend an act to create the county of Comanche.

A bill to incorporate the town of Mount Pleasant in Titus county, Texas.

A bill to establish Woodville College, and to incorporate the trustees of the same, and

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Susan Latham.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee have considered a bill to allow Wm. R. Stevenson to take charge of his own property, and transact business, as though he were of full age, and a majority of the committee direct me to return the same to the Senate and recommend that it be laid upon the table.

The committee do not think the relief sought by the bill, safe or expedient—experience has shown that there are but few persons under twenty-one years of age who can be safely trusted to transact business on their own account and for their own benefit ; they have not the necessary experience with the ways of the world or knowledge of their fellow-men, and in some of the few cases of like legislation in this State, the